

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable and permanent families for children.

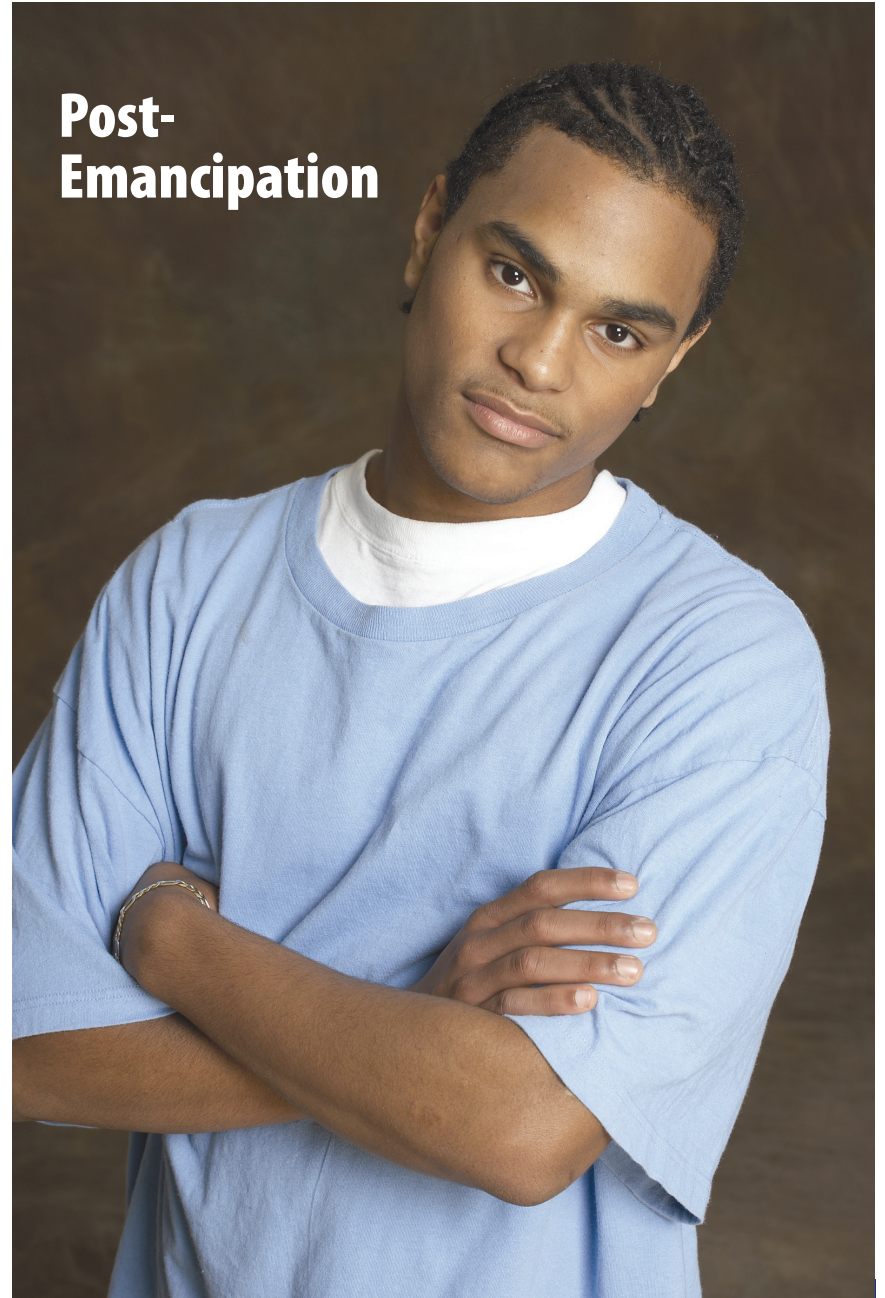
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## **Post-Emancipation**



## Why Post-Emancipation Services?

Even with assistance, young adults ages 18 to 21 often have a tough time finding and getting help from the fragmented network of programs and services available in the community — not to mention coping with the regular responsibilities of becoming an adult.

Post-Emancipation Services link young adults who have been emancipated from Lucas County Children Services custody to community resources that lead to self-sufficiency. By connecting young adults to supportive programs, the program greatly enhances their odds of success and independence.

## Who is Eligible?

The Post-Emancipation program is open to young adults, ages 18 to 21, who were in foster care through Lucas County Children Services at the time of emancipation. Some youths are admitted to the program at age 17 1/2 for considerations such as mental health issues, academic struggles or a lack of connection to a foster or biological family.



To be eligible, participants must:

- Sign a self-sufficiency plan and actively work toward meeting those responsibilities.
- Be willing to take a skill assessment if no recent assessment is on file.

## Post-Emancipation Services Work...

**“My Post-Emancipation caseworker really came through for me. I wanted to join the Marine Corps, but things weren’t happening. Working together, we were able to get through the issues and now I’m serving my country.”**

**- Eddie**

## What Services Are Provided?

Post Emancipation will link emancipated young adults to resources that provide:

- Assistance with education and vocational preparation, including the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or higher education.
- Assist with job readiness, search assistance and job placement.
- Instruction in basic living skills, including money and home management, consumer skills, parenting, health care, transportation and access to community resources.
- Assist with accessing mental health counseling, including individual or group therapy and social development.
- Substance and/or alcohol abuse counseling, education and treatment.
- Information and educational awareness about sexual activity, pregnancy prevention and sexually transmitted diseases.

## What Can I Expect From the Program?

Program participants who are motivated to succeed are likely to achieve a number of important goals for future success:

- Attainment of a high school diploma or GED
- Independence and/or stable income
- Reduction of likelihood of homeless, non-marital parenthood or child-birth, high risk behavior or incarceration

## What Do I Have to do to Stay in the Program?

To remain eligible for the program, participants must continue to work on their agreed-upon goals and follow through with recommended services.

## How Do I Sign Up?

Call the Intake Department at Lucas County Children Services, at 419.213.CARE (2273). You’ll speak to someone who will take your personal information and create your application.

We’ll take a look at your situation and an LCCS representative will call you the same day, if it’s an emergency, or within 48 hours to discuss the Post Emancipation program.

